

Landscape Conservation System Act; H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008; H.R. 2342, amended, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 1187, amended, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 3352, amended, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; H.R. 2515, amended, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act; H.R. 2675, amended, HALE Scouts Act; and H.R. 3651, amended, Utah National Guard Readiness Act.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Priorities and Accountability at ONDCP. Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3773—FISA AMENDMENTS ACT of 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 3773, the “FISA Amendments Act of 2008.” The rule provides that it is in order for the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary to make a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3773 with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the rule.

The rule waives all points of order against the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. It further provides that the motion shall be debatable for one hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Chairman Reyes and Representatives Smith of Texas and Hoekstra.

TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Competitiveness and Innovation on the Committee’s 50th Anniversary. Testimony was heard from William H. Gates, Chairman, Microsoft Corporation.

VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship held a hearing on the Oversight of the Entrepreneurial Development Programs Implemented by the Small Business Administration and National Veterans Business Development Corporation. Testimony was heard from Anoop Prakash, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NUCLEAR POWER IN WARMING WORLD

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Power in a Warming World: Solution or Illusion?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D273)

S. 2272, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007. Signed on March 12, 2008. (Public Law 110–195)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine old-growth forest science, focusing on policy and management in the Pacific Northwest region, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine customs reauthorization, focusing on strengthening United States economic interests and security, 9:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and the nominations of William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, both of the Department of State, and a promotion list in the foreign service, 10:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FNCS Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Navy Posture, 10 a.m., and executive, on Navy Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on DOE—Science Research, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Federal Emergency Management Agency—Is the agency on the right track? 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses—Other Issues, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Budget Hearing—U.S. House of Representatives, 10:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10:30 a.m., and on Outside Witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. European Command, Southern Command and Africa Command, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Department of Defense Energy Posture, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Department of Defense Science and Technology: Responding to the 21st

Century Irregular Warfare Threat Environment, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on America's Black Colleges and Universities: Models of Excellence and Challenges for the Future, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "Department of Commerce Budget for Fiscal Year 2009," 9 a.m., and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3754, To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes; H.R. 1108, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H.R. 1198, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007; H.R. 2464, Wakefield Act; H.R. 1237, Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3701, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007; H.R. 2063, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2007; H.R. 3825, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007; and H.R. 1418, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act; 12:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on The Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights: Providing New Protections for Consumers, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Child Survival: The Unfinished Agenda to Reduce Global Child Mortality, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on War Powers for the 21st Century: The Congressional Perspective, 9:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Making Homeland Security Intelligence Work for State, Local, and Tribal Partners: An Interagency Threat Assessment Coordination Group (ITACG) Progress Report," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Promoting the Use of Orphan Works: Balancing the Interests of Copyright Owners and Users, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Impacts of Unmanaged Off-Road Vehicles on Federal Land, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 317, Arkansas Valley Conduit Act; H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act; and H.R. 5293, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following measures: S. 550, To preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; H.R. 5551, To amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the

compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts; H.R. 4106, Telework Improvements Act of 2007; H.R. 2780, to amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the method for computing certain annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System which are based on part-time service; H.R. 4881, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3033, Contractors and Federal Spending Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3928, Government Contractor Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3548, Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007; H.R. 752, Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2007; H. Con. Res. 310, Expressing support for a national day of remembrance for Harriet Ross Tubman; H. Res. 578, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month; H. Res. 892, Expressing support for designation of March 11, 2008, as "National Funeral Directors and Mortician Recognition Day"; H. Res. 952, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States; H. Res. 994, Expressing support for the designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day; H. Res. 1002, Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as "Public Radio Recognition Month"; H. Res. 1005, Supporting the goals and ideals of Borderline Personality Awareness Month; H. Res. 1021, Supporting the goals, ideals, and history of National Women's History Month; H.R. 4185, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building"; H.R. 5395, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building"; H.R. 5472, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building"; H.R. 5479, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building"; H.R. 5483, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class Davis H. Sharrett II Post Office Building"; H.R. 5489, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office"; H.R. 5517, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office;" and H.R. 5528, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Is USDA Accounting for Costs to Farmers Caused by Contamination from Genetically Engineered Plants? 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services and the District of Columbia, hearing on H.R. 3268, Government Accountability Office Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on EPA Library Closures: Better Access for a Broader Audience? 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Science Programs: Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request and Issues, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Legislation to Reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program," 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on U.S. Paralympic Military Program, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Care of Seriously Wounded After In-Patient Care, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on 2008 tax return filing season, IRS operations the fiscal Year 2009 budget proposals, and National Taxpayer Advocate's Annual Report, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Overhead Architecture, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 1:30 p.m., and executive, briefing on Southwest Border Security, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Massachusetts v* U.S. EPA Part II: Implications of the Supreme Court Decision," 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Poland's Museum of the History of Polish Jews, 2:30 p.m., B-318, Rayburn Building.